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SUBJECT: SOVIET DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT (SALT TWO-1417)

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF SOVIET DRAFT
JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND BASIC GUIDELINES TABLED
AT DRAFTING GROUP MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 1977.

2. BEGIN TEXT: JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND BASIC
GUIDELINES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF
STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS,

HAVING CONCLUDED THE AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC
OFFENSIVE ARMS,

REAFFIRMING THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF STRATEGIC STABILITY
MEETS THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES AND THE INTERESTS OF

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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY,

CONVINCED THAT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND
FURTHER REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD SERVE TO
STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND TO REDUCE THE
RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST. THE PARTIES WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY, ON MEASURES FOR THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND REDUCTION IN THE NUMBERS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AS WELL AS FOR THEIR FURTHER QUALITATIVE LIMITATION. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SOVIET-US AGREEMENTS ON THE LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC ARMS, THE PARTIES WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN STRATEGIC STABILITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDUCING AND AVERTING THE RISK OF OUT-BREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AS WELL AS FOR THE LONG TERM.

SECOND. THE PARTIES SHALL SEEK IN THE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING BASIC GUIDELINES:

(1) FURTHER LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL FACTORS THAT DETERMINE THE STRATEGIC SITUATION, INCLUDING SUCH FACTORS AS DIFFERENCES IN THE GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION OF THE PARTIES, THE EXISTENCE OF FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, THE POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY US NATO ALLIES;

(2) RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR
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SYSTEMS AND CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF
THE TERRITORY OF THE USSR;

(3) FURTHER MEASURES FOR QUALITATIVE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROHIBITION OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF SUCH ARMS, AS WELL AS AGREED LIMITATIONS ON MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS;

(4) SOLUTION OF THE QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OF (BLANK), 1977;

(5) OTHER POSSIBLE STEPS TO ENHANCE STRATEGIC STABILITY, TO ENSURE EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY OF THE PARTIES, AND TO IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES.

THIRD. FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS MUST BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. THE PARTIES WILL CONTINUE TO PERFECT THE OPERATION OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION AND TO

TAKE COOPERATIVE MEASURES AIMED AT PROMOTING ASSURANCE IN
COMPLIANCE BY THE PARTIES WITH THE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED.

FOURTH. THE PARTIES WILL CONSIDER AND CARRY OUT FURTHER JOINT
MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND
EFFECTIVELY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OUT-BREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR.
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